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Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a) Preliminary Amendment.
2. With respect to fees:
 - a) A fee is not required at this time.
 - b) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490.
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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 6, 2005


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Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks for examination on the merits.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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